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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I wanted to take this moment to write you, during the 60-day public comment period, to express my concern on this tedious lawsuit plaguing the Microsoft corporation. For the past three years (in its most recent version, anyway) Microsoft has concentrated its time, energy and money under public and federal scrutiny and it has been the unfair and unjustified bullying of an enterprise that built itself on American ideals, the dreams that all Americans are made of.

The current proposed settlement, although harsh on Microsoft, needs to be the ending of this lawsuit once and for all. If the case goes back to the federal court, not only does the fundamental principle of freedom of enterprise fly out this nation's window, but our nation's economy will suffer further from the loss of potential capital. How can our country criminalize a business that brought this world out of the technological 'stone age?' It is beyond me how people that have prospered from Microsoft's success are also the ones trying to put them out of business. Is this the message we are instilling in

our own people that too  
much success is a crime and can legally be taken away  
from you?

By accepting the proposed settlement, Microsoft and  
the American  
consumer can put this behind them, get back to  
business as usual, and keep  
Microsoft as an investment this country needs to stay  
at the top of the  
global market.

Your time and consideration in this matter is greatly  
appreciated and I  
hope your actions will speak for the American people  
and not the  
jealous competitors trying to take ingenuity away from  
the Microsoft  
corporation.

Sincerely,

Dale Boe

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